

P70-89. A Child's Day: 2000 (Selected Indicators of Child Well-Being)

Table D8. Reading to Children by Any Family Member--Characteristics of Families and Households: 1998

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 1996 Panel, Wave 6.

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(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Age of child		Family reading practices					
			Percent never read to last week		Percent of children read to 7 or more times per week		Average times read to child per week /1	
	1 and 2 years	3 to 5 years	1 and 2 years	3 to 5 years	1 and 2 years	3 to 5 years	1 and 2 years	3 to 5 years
Total	7,764	12,087	9.3	9.0	51.9	45.9	7.9	6.6
Monthly Family Income								
Under \$1,500	1,695	2,706	14.7	15.7	18.9	35.2	6.3	5.9
\$1,500 to \$2,999	1,981	3,064	11.3	9.8	48.7	42.3	7.4	6.4
\$3,000 to \$4,499	1,522	2,325	8.4	6.9	53.3	48.6	8.1	6.6
\$4,500 and over	2,367	3,694	4.2	4.2	63.8	56.6	9.3	7.3
Income not reported	199	299	10.0	16.1	42.1	29.1	7.4	5.0
Poverty Status								
Below poverty level	1,548	2,515	16.9	17.2	36.9	33.7	6.1	5.7
On or above poverty level	6,017	9,273	7.3	6.5	56.1	49.8	8.3	6.9
100 to 199 percent of poverty	1,982	2,992	12.0	9.7	47.8	41.7	7.3	6.4
200 percent of poverty or higher	4,035	6,281	5.1	5.0	60.2	53.7	8.8	7.1
Income not reported	199	299	10.0	16.1	42.1	29.1	7.4	5.0
Tenure								
Owns home	4,524	7,212	6.6	6.1	56.3	49.9	8.5	7.0
Rents home	2,904	4,429	13.7	13.8	45.1	40.3	7.0	6.0
Other arrangements	336	446	7.9	7.9	51.6	38.1	7.0	6.3
Region of Residence								
Northeast	1,420	2,197	6.1	1.7	59.8	54.3	8.8	6.9
Midwest	1,794	2,892	5.8	7.2	56.0	51.3	8.7	6.9

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South	2,627	3,998	11.0	11.8	46.2	41.5	6.8	6.2
West	1,923	3,001	12.7	12.3	50.0	40.6	7.9	6.7
Metropolitan Residence								
Metropolitan	6,277	9,805	9.3	9.2	52.5	46.4	8.0	6.6
In central cities	2,335	3,512	13.6	10.8	46.8	42.7	7.5	6.4
Outside central cities	3,942	6,293	6.8	8.3	55.9	48.4	8.3	6.7
Nonmetropolitan	1,487	2,283	9.1	8.0	49.4	43.9	7.3	6.8

Note: Family members include either parent or any other relative.

/1 Based on children reported as being read to one or more times per week.